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EXAMINER

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

SIR:

Applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension of time for filing a response to the Office Action mailed October 18, 2006, for which a three-month response period ending January 18, 2007 was set. The extended deadline is April 18, 2007.

A check in the amount of Five-Hundred-and-Ten Dollars (\$510.00) is enclosed herewith in payment of the fee for a three-month extension for a small entity. Small entity status has been previously established in this application.

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An Amendment/Response is enclosed herewith.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees due in connection with this communication, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 04-0838. A copy of this Request is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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